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1. On 6 November 1950, the barracks installations on Dresdener Strasse, Oschatz (N 52/E 71), were again occupied by the units previously stationed there. All barracks buildings, including the officers' billets, were fully lighted at night. According to a laborer employed at the installation, AT guns and tanks had arrived there. This laborer saw sixteen AT guns. The barracks installation was occupied by about 600 men. The number of officers quartered in the officer billets varied continually. The tank unit quartered in the installation still had APN 20 640. No training activities were observed since the return of the unit. Maintenance work was being done primarily, according to the laborer working at the installation.

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2. After return of the troops from the troop training grounds, the Flughafen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by a tank unit in the southern section of the installation, an engineer company in the western section and a workshop company in the northern section. ** Guardposts, interconnected by telephone lines, were set up at a distance of about 300 meters from the barracks installation. The shelters of the guards were dug into the earth about 50 cm and projected about 1 1/2 meters above ground. It was not possible to approach the barracks installation. Three trucks towing AT guns of not less than 70 mm were seen entering the installation.

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3. The building previously housing the ~~kommandatura~~ was occupied by soldiers from the barracks installation on Dresdener Strasse. The windows of the upper story were provided with bars. The building was allegedly used as a prison. ***

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~~Comment.~~ The three barracks installations next to one another on Dresdener Strasse, namely the Infanterie Kaserne, the Ulanen Kaserne and the Remonteschule, are believed to quarter the 8th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Tank Div. The regiment has

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The in June 1950 that the barracks installations were occupied by a rear detail of and that the bulk of the unit was said to be at the Zeithain troop training grounds. From the present report it is believed that the entire regiment returned from the troop training grounds by early November 1950. A similar observation was made by the

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* ~~Comment.~~ The same information was furnished by the same source in mid-August 1950. Among others, the 23rd Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div is believed to be quartered in the southern section of the barracks installation.

*** ~~Comment.~~ This building is the former Oberschule (high school) on Breitscheidstrasse. reported in June 1950 that the kommandatura, staffed with 3 officers and 14 EM, had moved from the Oberschule to Burgstrasse near the water tower.

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